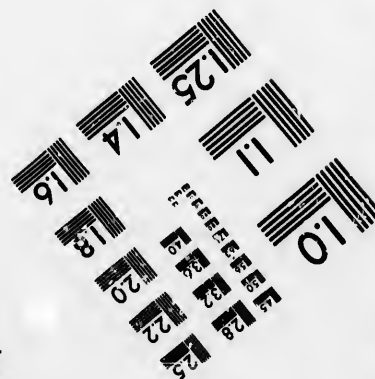
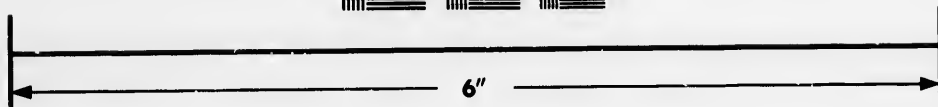
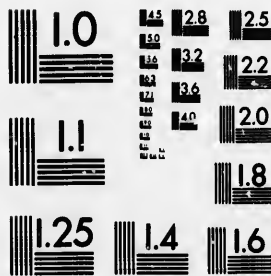


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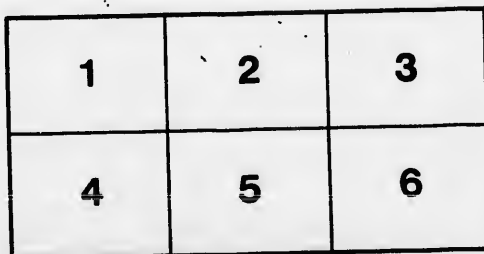
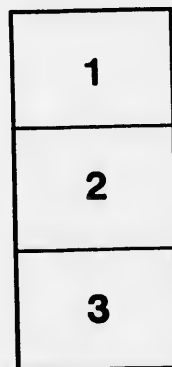
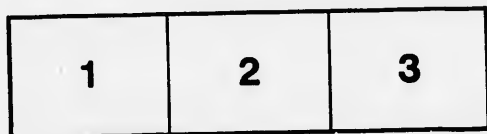
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U. E. LOYALIST CENTENNIAL.

CIRCULAR TO EDITORS, COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL OFFICERS, AND OTHERS.

GENTLEMEN,

We beg to request your kind co-operation in promoting the Centennial Celebration of the First Settlement of Upper Canada by the United Empire Loyalists, which it is proposed to hold in the month of June next. In doing so, it is only right to inform the public of the manner in which the scheme originated. When it was decided to hold a Celebration of the Semi-Centennial of the Incorporation of the City of Toronto, Dr. Wm. Canniff, who as the author of the "History of the Settlement of Upper Canada" has given more attention to this subject than probably any other person, and who is himself of U. E. Loyalist descent, made the suggestion that, as the CENTENNIAL OF THE FOUNDING OF THE PROVINCE fell, also, in the year 1884, a CELEBRATION OF THAT EVENT might be combined with the Semi-Centennial of the chief City of the Province. That suggestion was adopted, and the Committee of Management of the Semi-Centennial set apart one day of the Celebration week—Thursday, the 19th of June—for such Centennial Anniversary; and Dr. Canniff was requested to take the initiative in promoting the U. E. Loyalist Celebration. A Local Committee was formed, and several preliminary meetings were held. As it is earnestly desired that this Celebration shall not be a local but a Provincial movement, the first step taken was to invite, by correspondence and through the Press, the co-operation of the different Municipalities of the Province, and of all patriotic Ontario Canadians, and, especially, the descendants of U. E. Loyalists in all parts of the country—the term U. E. Loyalists being intended to embrace all who came to Upper Canada in consequence of the political troubles attending the Revolutionary War, whether their names were on the Official "U. E. List" or not.

It cannot be too strongly affirmed that this celebration is designed to be a patriotic tribute to the heroism and fidelity of our U. E. Loyalist Forefathers, without pronouncing judgment on the political issues which divided the British American Colonies a hundred years ago.

The descendants of the U. E. Loyalists are to-day divided between the political parties of the country, and it is confidently anticipated that a generous tribute shall be paid to our common ancestry, without reference to party lines or political opinions.

The hearty co-operation of the Press of the country is deemed indispensable in calling the attention of the public to the claims of the Founders of Upper Canada to such recognition. It is also considered highly desirable that Local Committees should be formed in as many places as possible, to arrange for taking part in the proposed Celebration. For this purpose this Circular is sent to the Provincial Press, to County and Township, Municipal Officers, and to other leading gentlemen, as the persons who can most readily bring the subject before their respective communities through existing organizations or otherwise. Where there are any prominent descendants of the U. E. Loyalist stock, in the various communities of the Province, it is especially desirable that this Centennial Movement be favoured with their active co-operation. Immediate action should be taken, as no time is to be lost if the Celebration is to be worthy of the occasion, and of the heroic men and women whose memory it is designed to honour. The descendants of the Mohawk Indians who accompanied the U. E. Loyalist settlers, and took possession of the lands reserved for them on the Bay of Quinte and the Grand River, it is fully expected, will take an active part in the celebration.

A meeting of all interested in this subject will be held in the City Hall, Toronto, on the evening of Tuesday, February 19th, at 8 o'clock, when it is specially requested that local Committees throughout the Province should be represented by deputations, or that they should report organization and make suggestions by written communications. It is desired to form a large and influential Permanent Committee, representing different localities and different phases of public opinion; such Committee to be appointed by open nomination and open vote of those present.

The *pro-tempore* Committee does not presume to make any suggestion as to the mode of the Celebration, leaving that to the consideration and decision of the Public Meeting hereby convened.

The following named gentlemen have expressed, by their presence at the preliminary meetings or by written or verbal communications, their sympathy with this movement, and their purpose to co-operate in carrying it to a successful issue:—

His Honour Lieutenant-Governor Robinson.
 The Right Rev. T. B. Fuller, D.D., D.C.L., Lord Bishop of
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Again soliciting your hearty co-operation in promoting the objects above named, we have the honour to subscribe ourselves, on behalf of the above-named gentlemen and of the *pro-tempore* Committee,

Your very obedient servants,

GEORGE T. DENISON,
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